

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

John Anshus (Absent)

Cindy Gilberts (Absent)

Joe Jax (Chair) (2.0 hrs.)

Bob Giede (Absent)

Dennis Kropp (1.0 hrs.) via Zoom

Mike Schendel (1.0)

Mike Smith (1 hr.)

Eric Sutherland (1.0 hr.) via Zoom

Others present: Randy Eide, Dick Henning, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. Those appearing by Zoom were acknowledged and volunteer hours noted. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. A motion was made by Dennis Kropp, and seconded by Mike Schendel to accept November's minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Memorial Plaque: Options, feedback or samples were discussed as to what should be on Nancy Scholfield's Memorial plaque. More ideas and samples will be brought to the next board meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

LCIP Project by Galloway Creek: Megen Hines presented to the board a drone video of the area over the Galloway Creek site showing the progress that had been made thru the Fall & Winter months. Plans to do burning of some of the brush piles that are still in several areas versus bringing it up the hill and hauling away was mentioned. More work is planned as weather allows. Chemical treatment of invasive species will start closer to Spring.

Urban Forestry Board Member Position Opening: Again, those who wish to recommend someone for the open position on the Urban Forestry Board are asked to submit that person to the Mayor, Randy Knaack or to a board member or Randy Eide, City Public Works Director.

Invasive Gypsy Moth 2022: An article from the LaCrosse Tribune from December 29, 2021 mentions that the invasive moth is on the rise again and that the Entomological Society of America would drop the name "gypsy moth" because it includes a term that is "offensive toward Romani or Roma, people". Each board member will be emailed a copy of the article mentioned.

Items to add to the agenda: None at this time.

Urban Forester Report:

- City Council approved both The Migratory Bird Day Recognition and Arbor Day Proclamation.
- The City of Menomonie has again been approved as a Tree City USA City for 2022.
- Bird City USA application has been submitted and waiting on approval – fees were increased this year by \$50.00.
- The City Tree Canopy Inventory software was viewed for the first time via big screen. Board members were shown an overhead view of the City of Menomonie's Wilson Park projected on screen; green dots indicated boulevard trees planted and red dots showed dead trees to be removed by the city mostly Ash and some Maple.
- There are about 27 dead trees to be removed, most of them being Ash and about three Elm.
- City Forester, Dick Henning states we are in the process of purchasing this year's replacement trees.

City Council Report: Eric Sutherland and Randy Eide Report...

- City Council members approved Arbor Day and International Migratory Bird Day.
- The Lakeside Park Boat Ramp has been approved.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

1. Plaque Memorial ideas for Nancy Scholfield.
2. LCIP Project at Galloway Creek.
3. Developments on GPS.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 2 P. M. at Council Chambers – 1st Floor.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Schendel.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Eckert